WE NEVER LEARN

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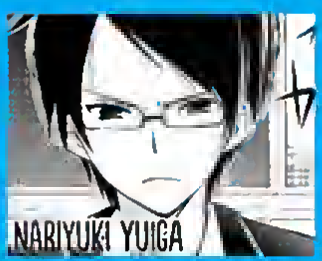
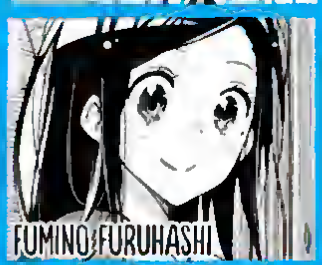
Nariyuki Yuiga is a self-professed super student. He's not naturally gifted in the sciences or arts like his classmates Rizu and Fumino, but he does have pluck and persistence! He's such a good student that he finally realizes his dream of obtaining a scholarship to college, which is a great relief since his family is dirt-poor! But there's a catch...

PREVIOUSLY IN *WE NEVER LEARN*:

Nariyuki desperately wants to obtain a college scholarship to improve the quality of his life, especially since his father has died and left the family destitute. And much to Nariyuki's joy and surprise, he finds out from the school principal that he has earned that scholarship, but under one condition... Nariyuki must tutor science whiz Rizu and the literary genius Fumino to help them also get into college, which should be a breeze since they're geniuses. However, he quickly finds the opposite to be true, since Rizu wants to study literature and Fumino science! Making matters worse, those two geniuses suck at everything other than their field of specialty! But that's not all—now he has to tutor super athlete Uruka in English, which presents quite the problem since Uruka hates studying more than anything...





Question 25: It All Begins with a Genius's Struggle with X

MY TIMES ARE GETTING WORSE?
WELL...
...NOT ALARMINGLY SO...
BUT WITH THE SUMMER MEET COMING UP, YOU'LL NEED TO FINE TUNE SOME THINGS.
I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN STUDYING HARD LATELY, SO IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE.
...
BUT PRACTICE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN, WITHOUT PUSHING TOO HARD...
I'LL GET BACK ON TRACK, WHATEVER IT TAKES!
ARE YOU LISTENING, URUKA?!

LIBRARY
SKRIT
SKRIT SKRIT
SKRIT
HOW'S THAT, NARI-YUKI?!
SEOOO
THERE! DONE!
FLIP FLIP
SKRIT
SKRIT
YAY!
OH! GOOD!
YOU'VE REALLY GRASPED THE MATERIAL THAT WAS STUMPING YOU BEFORE!
NOTE

YOU'VE REALLY BEEN WORKING HARD LATELY, URUKA!
WANT SOME UDON?
THANKS, FUMINOCCHI AND RIZURIN!
BUT I'VE GOTTA GO TRAIN NOW!
No food or drink before practice!
RIGHT!
THE SUMMER MEET'S IN JUST OVER A MONTH, RIGHT?
GOOD LUCK, TAKE-MOTO! YOU'RE GOING TO ROCK IT!
WE'LL BE ROOTING FOR YOU!
LEAVE IT TO ME!
THANKS, NARIYUKI!

SPLOOSH
VOOSH
SHOOSH
SHOOSH
SHOOSH
HYAA-AA!!
WOW... LOOK AT TAKE-MOTO SENPAI!
SHE'S ON FIRE!

HM?
...
うおおお
VOOSH VOOSH
Way to go, Uruka!
GEE, WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT NOTHING!
I WAS AFRAID SHE'D BE BUMMED OUT HER TIMES WERE DOWN, BUT SHE SEEMS MORE GUNG-HO THAN EVER!
SHAA
SHOWER
AAA
HEY, URUKA...
YEAH?
WHAT IS IT, KAWACCHI?
HERE, FACE SOAP!
THANKS! ♪
SHAAA
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DON'T OVERDO IT TRYING TO GET BACK ON TRACK.
YOU'RE NOT GREAT AT PACING YOURSELF.
IT'S YOUR ONE ACHILLES' HEEL.

SURE ...
I KNOW!
IT'S JUST THAT...
I'M REALLY MOTIVATED RIGHT NOW!

IT'S FRUSTRATING TO BE TOLD MY TIMES WENT DOWN BECAUSE OF STUDYING, YOU KNOW?
AND ...
IF NARIYUKI FINDS OUT...
...HE'LL PRO-BABLY WORRY ...
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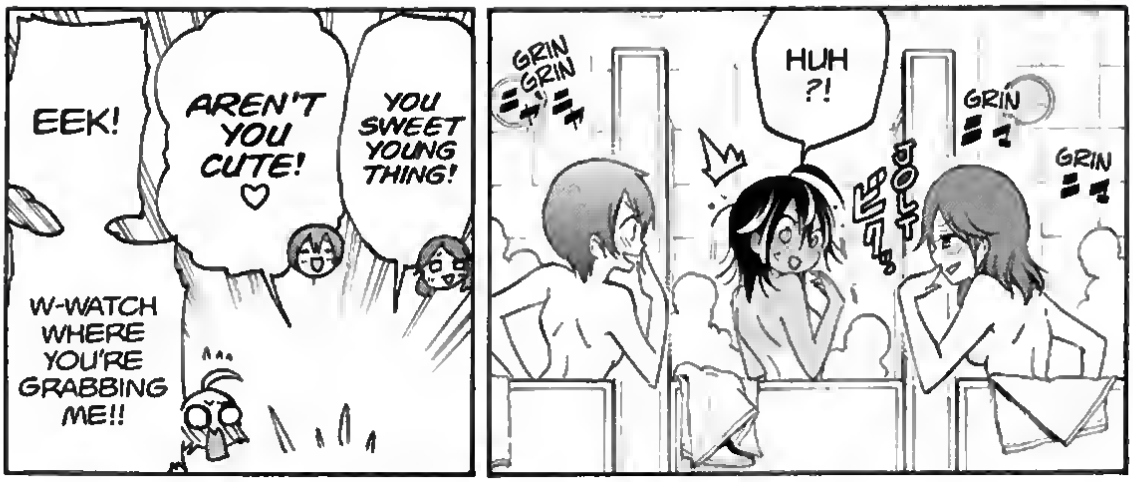
WASHA WASHA


EEK!
AREN'T YOU CUTE!
YOU SWEET YOUNG THING!
W-WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GRABBING ME!!
GRIN GRIN
HUH ?!
GRIN
GRIN

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*SIGN: TAKEMOTO
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...AND NOT WAKE UP FOR YEARS...
I COULD PASS OUT...
PHEW...
I CAN FINALLY SLEEP...

YOU'VE REALLY GRASPED THE MATERIAL THAT WAS STUMPING YOU BEFORE!
JUST GOTTA PUSH A LITTLE HARDER!
RIGHT!
JUNE 30
JUNE 29
JUNE 28
JUNE 27
JUNE 26
WHOA!
...YOU SEEM TO BE AIMING FOR A NEW PERSONAL RECORD!
YOU DIDN'T JUST RECOVER IN YOUR TIMES...
...
I'M ASTON-ISHED...
Heh-heh...
OMG!!

TAKE-MOTO SENPAI, YOU'RE AMAZING!!
SPARKLE
SPLASH
TEE HEE HEE ...
YEAH, WELL... THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN URUKA GETS SERIOUS!
CHATTER
CHATTER CHATTER
TICKETS
CAFETERIA
YAY! WE ONLY HAVE A HALF DAY ON SATUR-DAYS— I CAN SWIM MY HEART OUT!
I'M GONNA GET THAT NEW PERSONAL RECORD!!

You brought udon from home?
Our stuff is better!
SLURRP
THANKS, FUMI-NOCCHI!
HUH? REALLY ?!
YOU CAN LEAVE YOUR TRAY, URUKA.
I'LL CLEAR IT FOR YOU. GO SWIM!

HUH ?!
CLATTER
!

TAK TAK
Here I go!
You brought lunch too, Yuiga?
Yeah. No money.

SHAKA SHAKA

YOU WANT IT?
Help yourself!
THAT'S NOT IT!!

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BAM
SHE LEFT A POT-STICKER...
...UNEATEN ?!

...
You mean you're eating three meals?!
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OM NOM NOM
I'm having a triple rice bowl today: tempura, pork cutlet, and egg with chicken! ♪
THAT'S TRUE..
URUKA USUALLY HAS A SUPER-HUMAN APPETITE!
THIS ISN'T NORMAL!
RAWR
TAK TAK
HEY, TAKE-MOTO!
THERE SHE IS..
I THOUGHT YOU WERE ALREADY AT PRACTICE...

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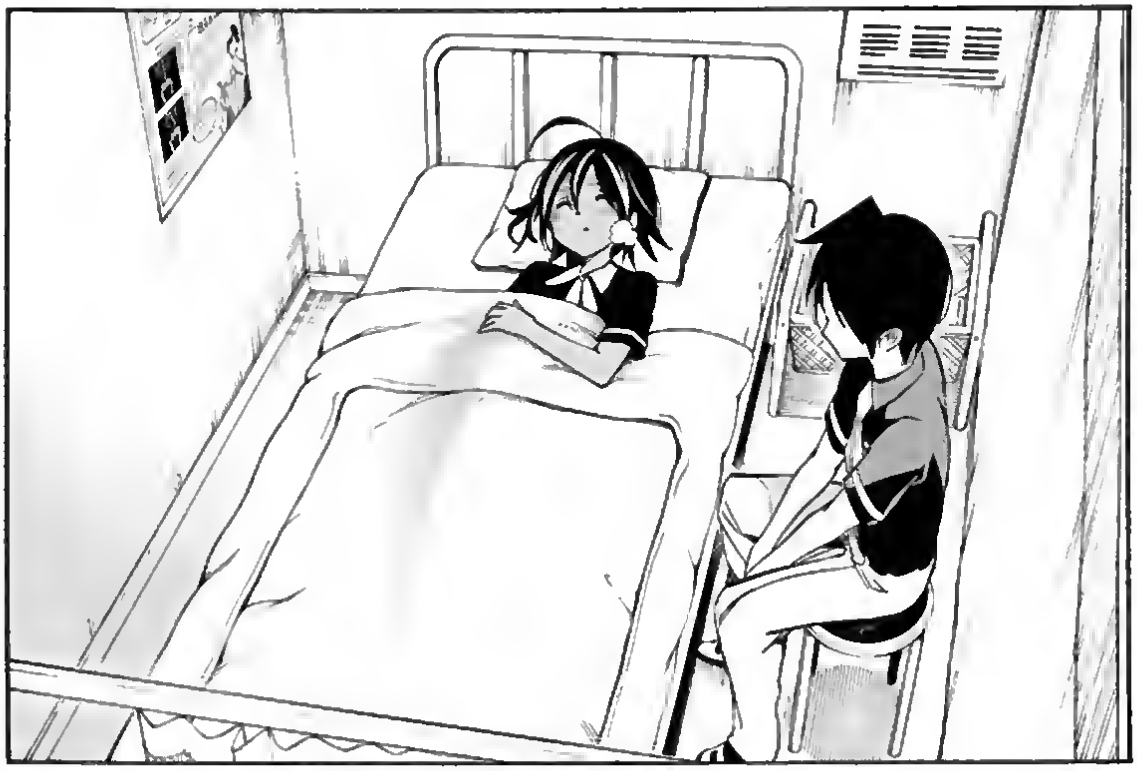


I'M SORRY, TAKE-MOTO.
I... I SHOULD HAVE NOTICED.

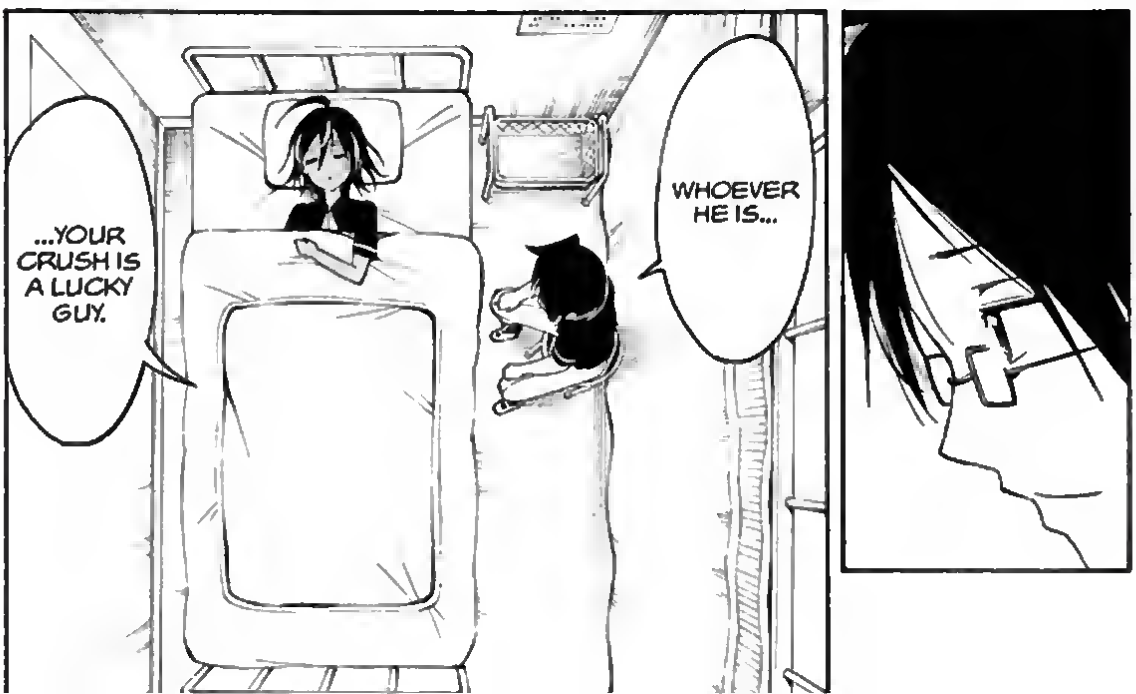
Ngh...

C'MON, NURSE'S AIDE!
WHEN'RE YOU COMING BACK?!

YOU'RE REALLY AMAZING, YOU KNOW THAT?
THROWING YOURSELF INTO STUDYING AND TRAINING...
...TO THE POINT OF COLLAPSE? WHO DOES THAT?

YOU NEVER LET ANYONE SEE YOUR STRUGGLE.
...BUT YOU NEVER QUIT SMILING.
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN TOTALLY EXHAUSTED...

...TO MAKE MY CRUSH'S HEART RACE.
I WAS PRAYING...
ROMANTIC LOVE.


...YOUR CRUSH IS A LUCKY GUY.
WHOEVER HE IS...

THE NURSE SHOULD BE HERE SOON...
Oof
T...
TAKE-MOTO!! YOU OKAY?
OOG...
KNEE
SQUEEZE
FLAIL
FLAIL
HEY ...
HEY, TA...
UM, TAKE-MOTO ...

NARI-
YUKI...
スゲェ…
ENDED

I SHOULD PULL AWAY...
I SHOULD... QUICK...
ZZZ
ZZZ
WH...
WHY DID I FREEZE?! I'M SO STUPID...
BA-DMP
BA-DMP
BA-DMP
BA-DMP
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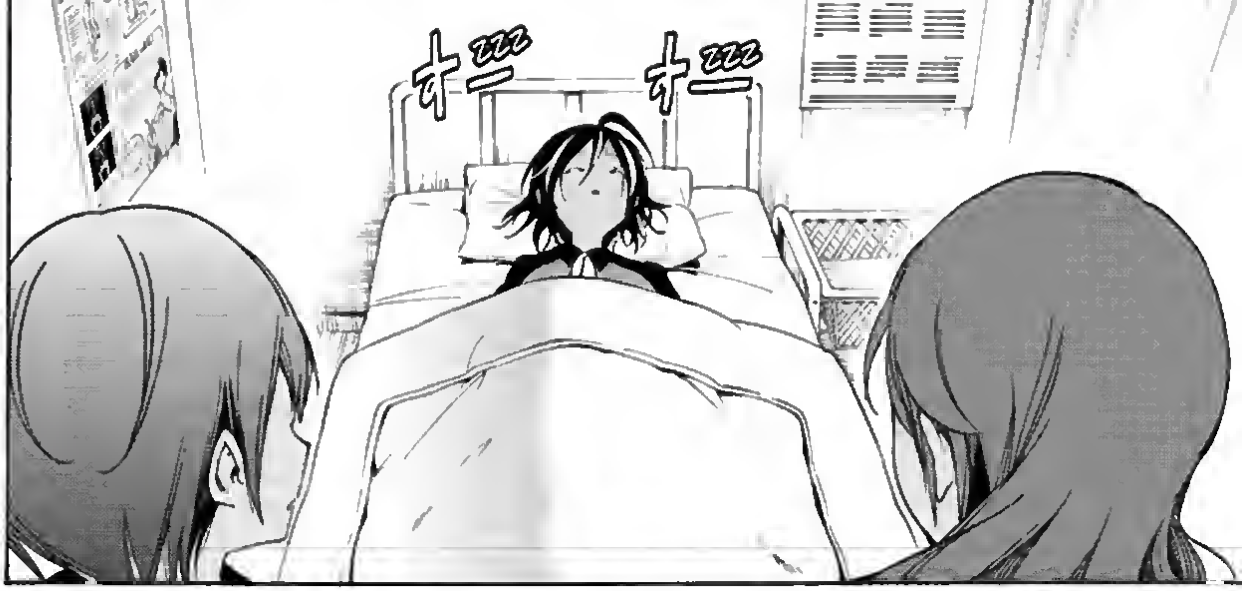
YADDA
YADDA
WE HEARD YOU FAINTED IN THE HALL!!
ARE YOU OKAY?!
URUKA-AA!!
CLATTER


ZZZ
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BA-DMP
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CHATTER
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CHATTER
OH, POOR URUKA!
OH, GOOD! SHE DOESN'T LOOK SO BAD!

ZZZ
ZZZ
B-BETTER JUST STAY DOWN HERE TILL THEY LEAVE...
...THAT'S SO ADORA-BLE!
SHE DIDN'T WANT HER CRUSH TO WORRY ABOUT HER...
TOLD YOU SO!

OOH, OOH! I KNOW WHO IT IS!
It's so obvious!!
キャー♡
SQUEE!
REALLY?! TAKEMOTO SENPAI HAS A CRUSH?!

I TOTALLY PANICKED AND HID WITHOUT THINKING!
GEEZ ...
WHAT AM I DOING?!
Not again!!
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BA-DMP
BA-DMP
BA-DMP

...YUIGA SENPAI!
IT'S...
TEE HEE!! I KNEW IT!! ♡
HUH?